## FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

**BARBARA R. KILPONEN** 

**OCCUPATION:** Incumbent/Community Leader

As a Board Member since 1988, I have provided dedicated and effective leadership, resulting in high quality education for all students, safe schools, fiscal accountability and well maintained facilities. Consistent improvement in student achievement is evident through higher standardized test scores, better attendance - second highest in Orange County - with improved behavior, and increased graduation rates.

We encourage our talented teachers to improve instructional practices and course content through District staff development, resulting in exemplary programs for both college prep and career bound students. Specialized course work in agriculture, business, culinary arts, fine arts, medicine, and technology are available for career exploration. Athletics and extracurricular activities build on classroom learning, and volunteer projects develop citizenship.

I insist on continued conservative financial management reducing administrative costs to address classroom needs first. Since passing the District bond in 2002, we have constructed new classroom buildings on four campuses ahead of schedule and under budget. The last two buildings will open in 2005, with additional necessary modernization to follow.

I am committed to our District's tradition of success and pledge to remain responsive to the communities we serve. With your support high quality education and accountability will continue to be the Board's focus.